CRIME PREVENTION AND FORCE PROTECTION TIPS

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Purpose

- The purpose of this presentation is to provide you with some crime prevention and force protection tips.

Agenda

- Learning objectives
- Family operation’s security tips
- Other crime prevention tips
- Individual protective measures
- Vehicle travel security tips
- Conclusion

Learning Objectives

- Identify and describe measures that can reduce the likelihood of becoming a target for terrorists or criminals.

Family Operations Security Tips (1 of 3)

- Do not place your name on exterior walls of residences
- Do not answer your personal phone with your name and rank
- Do not list your telephone number and address in local directories
- Create the appearance that your house is occupied while you are away by using timers to control lights and radios while you are away – or have neighbors watch your house (“Vacation House Watch”)

Family Operations Security Tips (2 of 3)

- Personally destroy all envelopes and other items that reflect personal information
- Safeguard financial records and other materials that can be used to identify bank accounts, credit card accounts, or brokerage accounts
- Close draperies during hours of darkness
- Do not let your trash become a source of information
- Ensure that you keep weapons safely stored (under double lock and key), unloaded, and with

Family Operations Security Tips (3 of 3)

- Train family members to keep valuables secure and to lock doors and windows when leaving home – should keep doors locked when someone is home
- Always close and lock garage doors
- Mark valuable property with an identifying number – take pictures or video tape your items
- Confrontation with intruders - If you have evidence that someone has broken into your home – Do not enter
- Join community observers

Other crime prevention tips

- Look at your house from the burglar's point of view – stand outside your house and look at how you would get into your house without a key or authorized entry
- Never let a stranger on the phone know when you will or will not be at home
- Never let a stranger know that you are home alone
- Do not give out a credit card or social security number to someone whom you do not know or whom you did not call

Individual Protective Measures (1 of 3)

- What are individual protective measures?
- Be unpredictable (overcome routines):

  - Vary your route to and from work

  - Exercise on varying schedules – use different routes and distances

  - Avoid routines (time and location) for shopping, lunch, etc.

  - Do not divulge family or personal information to strangers

Individual Protective Measures (2 of 3)

- Maintain a low profile:

  - Dress and behave in a matter consistent with local customs

  - Items that are distinctively American should not be worn or displayed outside American facilities, unless necessary to accomplish official business

- Examples of distinctively American items include:

  - Cowboy hats, cowboy boots, Western belt

  - Clothing adorned with American flags or

Individual Protective Measures (3 of 3)

- Examples of distinctively American items include:

  - Suitcases, backpacks, brief cases, etc. with stickers, decals, or other distinctively American symbols

  - Tattoos, patches, military duffel bags, or military style clothing, with unit or American identification markings

  - Do not flash large sums of money, expensive jewelry, or luxury items

Be sensitive to changes in the security atmosphere

- Be alert to surveillance attempts, or suspicious persons/activities, and report them to authorities
- Watch for unexplained absences of local citizens as an early warning sign of possible terrorist actions
- Avoid public disputes or confrontations – report any trouble to proper authorities
- Do not unnecessarily divulge your home address, phone number or family information

Be prepared for unexpected events (1 of 2)

- Get into the habit of “checking in” to let family and friends know where you are and when to expect you
- Know how to use the local phone system
- Know the locations of civilian and military police and other safe locations where you can find refuge or assistance
- Know certain key phrases in the local language
- Set up simple signal systems that can alert

Be prepared for unexpected events (2 of 2)

- Be very alert
- Carry identification showing your blood type and any special medical conditions
- Keep your personal affairs in good order – have current power of attorney, wills, etc.
- Do not carry sensitive or potentially embarrassing items

Vehicle Travel Security Tips (1 of 2)

- Vary the routes and the times that you frequently travel
- Use an inconspicuous vehicle, which has no special identifying license plates or stickers – when possible get “cover” plates
- Do a complete walk-around of the vehicle prior to beginning travel
- Ensure that all keys are accounted for regularly

Vehicle Travel Security Tips (2 of 2)

- Never pick up hitchhikers
- Park in secured areas when possible
- Know the locations of safe havens
- Have pen and pad ready to copy down relevant information regarding suspicious activity
- Have a mobile phone -

CONCLUSION

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